

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS SECTION:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method of removing nitrate nitrogen from a vegetable juice, said method comprising the steps of adjusting said vegetable juice to have sludge volume of 10% or less, concentrating said vegetable juice to Brix concentration 20-40% to obtain a concentrate and subjecting said concentrate to electro dialysis by flowing said concentrate at a linear speed of 0.5-10cm/sec on a membrane surface and at a temperature of 10°C or lower.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein said vegetable juice is a juice of leafy vegetables and said leafy vegetables include at least one selected from the group consisting of celery, spinach and kale.

Claims 4-17 (canceled).